



RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A DEMONSTRATION "PARKLET" PROJECT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, "parklets" are mini-parks created by converting on-street parking spaces into plazas and public gathering spaces; and

WHEREAS, parklets promote healthy living, revitalize neighborhoods, and complement "complete streets" by beautifying neighborhoods, creating opportunities for social interaction, promoting outdoor activity such as walking and bicycling, and encouraging transit use; and

WHEREAS, parklets typically are located next to and designed to be complementary to retail or other establishments frequented by the public and may contain tables, chairs, benches, bicycle stands, and landscaping in order to create vibrant open areas for public enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, parklets have proven to be a popular form of public open space in cities such as San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle, New York, Raleigh, Philadelphia, and Vancouver, all of which have established parklet programs; and

WHEREAS, in other jurisdictions, business owners or non-profit organizations typically pay for the cost to create and maintain a parklet, thereby allowing for the creation of public open space with minimal burden to the City; and

WHEREAS, parklets can be designed to be temporary so that they can be removed and reverted to standard street parking if so desired in the future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City administration is urged to establish three one-year parklet demonstration projects in communities with an appropriate mix of retail, commercial or institutional uses; such as, but not limited to, Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Moiliili, Kailua, and Kalihi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these demonstration parklets be set up quickly in a "just do it, guerilla urbanism, pop-up" fashion, and that the administration waive normal street usage requirements because these parklets are intended as temporary projects for evaluation purposes only; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the demonstration project program, the City administration seek and establish partnerships with business owners, non-profit organizations, and community organizations to collaborate with the City in identifying appropriate parklet locations and to participate in the design, creation, funding, and maintenance of the demonstration parklets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the demonstration project program, the City administration develop a City policy, rules, and permitting requirements as necessary and appropriate for the creation of future parklets throughout Honolulu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City administration report to the Council six months after the adoption of this Resolution with a preliminary evaluation of the demonstration parklets and the status of developing a City parklet policy; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Managing Director, Director of Transportation Services, Director of Parks and Recreation, Director of Facility Maintenance, and Director of Planning and Permitting.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Councilmembers